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## FOR RENT.

\$17.00—7 room, modern brick residence in first-class condition, repair, &c.  
\$10.00—8 room adobe, shingle roof, city water.  
WANTED—Houses to rent. We are having many inquiries by letter and in person for modern cottages of 3 to 6 rooms.

## FURNISHED.

\$22—4 large rooms, furnished.  
\$17—all of first story, four large rooms, furnished.

## FOR SALE.

\$500—5 rooms, modern adobe cottage, shingle roof, bay-window, 2 porches, large garden, 35 fruit trees, city water, stable, &c.  
\$250—new 4 room adobe cottage, iron and composition roof, garden, fruit, stable, &c.  
\$1000—160 acres, 39 miles from Denver, Colo., fenced, house, spring, well, farming land, hay land, grass land, outside range. Will exchange for Socorro property.  
\$100—10 acres bottom land, under ditch, 3-4 mile from postoffice Socorro.  
\$600—5 acres, house, barn, fruit, well and wind mill, city water etc., close in.  
\$225.00—3 room, adobe house, 2 rooms new, tar roof, 2 acres, fenced, fruit, shade trees, stable, city water.  
\$350—40 acres, more or less, bottom land, fenced, under ditch, one mile from Socorro county court house.  
\$350—160 acres, patented stock ranch, never failing water, foot hills San Mateo mountains, good cattle, horse, sheep or goat ranch.  
\$1,300—Modern cottage, brick finish, repair as good as new, beautifully furnished, two porches, large and handsome grounds, tin roof, city water and well, nicely furnished throughout, fine piano.  
\$1,500—7 room, adobe dwelling, shingle and iron roof, city water in house and grounds, house well and substantially furnished, including one grand square Emerson piano, 3 acres, 315 fancy assorted fruit trees in bearing, 228 fancy assorted grape vines in bearing, 25 ornamental trees, shade trees, shrubs, bulbs, roses, strawberries, etc., close in.  
\$7,500 paid net \$2,500 in 1890. 80 acres 9 miles from county seat, 3/4 mile to post office, one mile to station, including 7 acres prunes, 7 acres peaches, 6 acres apples, plums &c., all in bearing. 35 acres alfalfa, all fenced and cross-fenced. Good home, large barn and out buildings, best of soil, no alkali, good water right on one of the best of acequias; steam pump with abundance of water in case of necessity. Will sell all or part, will take part trade, stock of goods, live stock &c. Also 100 acres adjoining the above will be sold if desired.  
\$1,000—30 acres, more or less bottom land, 5 acres above acequia with first class well, wind mill pump, horse power pump, large rock cement tank, 4 room new adobe, 2 room old adobe house, well and hand pump, new corral, stable and hay barn, chicken house, bee house, wagon shed, 350 assorted fruit trees mostly Ben Davis apples set out five years, 1000 grape vines and about 2000 sprouts; balance of land is below acequia, much of it adapted to growing grass, hay, alfalfa without cost of irrigation, all fenced with three and four wires, 2 native mares, 2 American mules, 2 sets double harness, farm wagon, plowing machine, horse rake, mow and all other implements and tools on the place.  
One span horses, set harness and side saddle.  
100—two year old steers.  
565—long yearling steers, 75 per cent white faces.  
116—heifers—ones and twos.  
100—cows, twos up, northern New Mexico.  
45—early calves.  
Undivided—1/4 interest in general merchandise business, good paying mining and ranch trade. Notwithstanding live stock matters are quiet, we are receiving inquiries about same.  
Tell us what you have for sale. It costs you nothing if not benefited.

HARRIS & SMITH,  
SOCORRO, N. M.

## LAND GRANT INVOLVED.

Important New Mexico Case Coming Up in Congress.

A special dispatch from Washington, under date of February 2, says:  
Congressman George W. Smith, of Illinois, chairman of the house committee on private land claims, will call up for consideration this week a measure that involves the title to an immense tract of land in New Mexico, and has in its many complications a romance connected with the early settlement of the territory.

The bill in question was introduced by Mr. Taylor, of Ohio, at the instance of a number of eastern capitalists who are the present ostensible owners of the land. The property is known as the Arroyo de San Lorenzo grant, or the Chaves grant, and is as large as an ordinary county. It has a frontage of three miles on the Rio Grande. On the south it extends twenty-five and one-half miles west, then twelve and one-half miles north, and twenty-seven miles southeast to the river, in all about 130,000 acres.

Away back in the early history of Mexico, when the territory now known as New Mexico was a province of the Mexican government, the Indians were exceedingly hostile and prevented the settlement of the country. At that time Anton Chaves had a reputation as an Indian fighter. To encourage his location in the country the provincial legislature of New Mexico made this grant to him on condition that he move to the district and clean out the Indians. Chaves kept his part of the contract and the grant was ceded to him in 1825. He held the property for twenty-five years. After his death his widow disposed of it, and several transfers were made, until in 1874, it passed into the hands of the present holders. There was some question of title, and an ex parte proceeding was commenced in the court of private land claims, where it was discovered that the original grant to Chaves was not perfect.

In the treaty between the United States and Mexico in 1848, when New Mexico became a possession of the United States, this government guaranteed the protection of the bona fide grants of land made by the Spanish and Mexican governments in the ceded territory. Somewhere in the course of the proceedings in this case it was discovered that there was an old Mexican law by which grants made by provinces were not recognized unless they had been approved by the central government. This had not been done in the Chaves case, the New Mexico government either not knowing of the law or failing for unknown reasons to comply with its requirements. Chaves and his heirs, with purchasers of the property from them, have been in undisputed possession of the property for more than seventy-five years and the present holders are now seeking to have the title quieted by act of congress.

Delegate Rodey, of New Mexico, argued a case before the supreme court the other day in which another Spanish grant is involved, dating back to 1768. This grant was made by the Spanish government to Baltazar Baca and two sons for services to the crown, and comprised about 13,000 acres in what is now Valencia county, N. M. After having had possession of the property for more than 130 years the title is now in dispute, the congress of the United States having in 1869 confirmed two other grants, which overlap and completely absorb the Baca grant. The case has been in the courts for thirty years in one form or another. Mr. Rodey will base one of his arguments for the admission of New Mexico as a state upon the need of a revision of the land laws, such as can only come under state control.—Albuquerque Citizen.

## Millions Put To Work.

The wonderful activity of the new century is shown by an enormous demand for the world's best workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. For constipation, sick headache, biliousness, or any trouble of stomach, liver or kidneys they're unrivaled. Only 25c at all Druggists.

## Talk on Liquid Air.

C. E. Gordon of Washington, D. C., was in Socorro Thursday for the purpose of making arrangements for an entertainment in the city in the near future, the entertainment to consist of experiments with liquid air and practical illustrations of the uses to which it may be put. By way of bringing the subject before the public, Mr. Gordon talked for half an hour in the K. of P. hall to a small assembly of people interested in the subject.

Mr. Gordon's talk was informal but very entertaining and instructive. The process of making liquid air was fully explained. To reduce the air to a liquid condition one thousand cubic inches must be compressed to one cubic inch. It is then under a pressure of 2,400 pounds to the square inch and its temperature is 312 degrees below zero. A single drop of it placed in a glass of water will convert the water into a solid mass of ice in a few seconds. This fact and scores of others even more wonderful will be illustrated at the entertainment which it is hoped to give in this city February 21 under the auspices of the School of Mines.

## Postal Telegraph vs. Western Union.

According to a statement recently made public the Postal Telegraph company is laying a sub-marine cable from California to the Philippines, 8,000 miles, at a cost of \$12,000,000, without subsidy or guarantee of any kind; also, the Western Union is asking the government to prevent the Postal from carrying out the work, and is also asking the government to lay a Pacific cable at government expense for the benefit of the Western Union. The Postal Telegraph has agreed in writing with the government to sell its cable to the government at any time at the cable's appraised valuation. The Postal is rendering the public most excellent service and is sure to receive strong public sympathy and support in its fight with the Western Union.

## Another Close Game.

The ball game Sunday was of more than usual interest. It took a tenth inning to decide the game in favor of the Mexicans by a score of 21 to 20. O. R. Smith, first baseman for the Americans, was disabled at the first of the game by having a finger badly injured and had to retire. The Mexican team have received their new red uniforms and will don them for the game tomorrow in case the American team receive theirs also. A grand stand has been erected on the ball ground and a fee of ten cents will be charged for admission to this. The base ball enthusiasm is still increasing and by the time the season opens elsewhere Socorro will be able to send out a champion team.

## To Bore for Oil.

A. D. Coon of this city recently interested himself and is trying to interest others in the project of boring for oil in this vicinity. Mr. Coon has secured a franchise from the city council for a considerable area of the uplands belonging to the city and has secured generous subscriptions from prominent citizens. The idea is to bore not less than a thousand feet. To bore to any less depth would not only not be a fair test, but would discourage any future undertaking of the kind. If an oil well or even a flow of artesian water could be secured for Socorro the investment would be a profitable one both directly and indirectly. Mr. Coon should receive a liberal moral and financial support in his undertaking.

## Worst Storm in Years.

Monday's press dispatches contain the following from Malone, New York: "No storm of recent years in northern New York reached such proportions as the one now prevailing. It commenced at noon on Sunday, and in less than eight hours three feet of snow had fallen. The wind is blowing a gale." Similar conditions prevailed in other parts of the east and as far west as Chicago. New Mexico weather meanwhile has been dry and balmy. Further comment is unnecessary.

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## The Latest Scheme.

A recent dispatch from Springfield, Ohio, to the Chicago Record-Herald gives the following account of a hugging social given to raise money for church purposes:

"A hugging social was held last night in the North Greenfield church, which was attended by 500 people. The affair was a success financially, having been widely advertised as a scheme to pay off the church debt. Nearly \$75 was raised. Following were the rates charged:

Girls under 15 years of age, 15 cents for two minutes' hug.  
Girls under 20 years, 50 cents.  
Twenty to 25 years, 75 cents.  
Another man's wife, \$1.  
Old maids, 3 cents and no time limit.

The dispatch adds that the affair was a great success, and the girls appointed another social for Feb. 1, but the older members of the congregation made them call it off, as they feared the reputation of the church would not be able to stand it.

## Ten Cents for Ten Weeks.

The St. Louis Mirror is a twenty-eight page paper, in magazine form, edited by William Marion Reedy, assisted by a staff of contributors comprising the best writers and literary authorities on all current subjects, social, religious, scientific, financial, literary or artistic.

The Mirror is a weekly review of men and affairs; a treasury of short stories and good poetry; a paper in which the best books, best plays and best music are ably reviewed, and all topics of contemporary interest are given careful attention. It is the up-to-date paper for the merchant, the teacher, the professional man, the student, the politician, as well as for woman and the home.

If you will send us 10c. in silver or stamps, we will mail the Mirror to your address for ten weeks.

THE MIRROR, ST. LOUIS, MO.

## The Sock Social.

The Sock Social given last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sperling on Baca avenue was a decided success both socially and financially. There were probably a hundred people present and Mr. and Mrs. Sperling and the ladies of the Episcopal guild, by whom the social was given, fairly surpassed themselves, if such a thing is possible, in way of entertainment. The receipts amounted to \$47, which will be devoted to church uses.

## Pay Your Dog Tax.

At their last meeting the city council determined to take active steps either to derive a revenue from the myriad of dogs that infest the streets of the city or to exterminate them. Either result will be good, both would be better. The owners of dogs will be given until the first of March to pay the required tax before the campaign opens.

## Convicts' Earnings.

Superintendent H. O. Bursum of the territorial penitentiary has this week turned into the territorial treasury nearly \$2,000 as convicts' earnings. Mr. Bursum evidently intends to make the popular institution over which he presides as nearly self supporting as possible.

## Rincon Harvey House Burned.

The Harvey house at Rincon was burned to the ground Tuesday morning. All the furniture and blankets were destroyed. The railroad company will rebuild at once.

## Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best and most famous compound in the world to conquer aches and kill pains. Cures cuts, heals burns and bruises, subdues inflammation, masters piles. Millions of boxes sold yearly. Works wonders in boils, ulcers, felons, skin eruptions. It cures or no pay. 25c at all Druggists.

**Candor's**  
BEST FOR THE TROUBLE  
Genuine stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk.  
Beware of the dealer who tries to sell "something just as good."

## OF HOME INTEREST.

Walter Jones is one of the guests at the Windsor today.

Adolfo Torres of Kelly was in the city Tuesday on private business.

L. R. Allen of the Las Vegas Optic was a visitor in Socorro Wednesday.

C. T. Brown left for the Black Range Thursday accompanied by Henry May.

J. C. Baldwin registered among the guests of landlord Yunker this morning.

G. Biavaschi has placed a telephone in his place of business for the use of his customers.

Geo. A. Byron, superintendent of the famous Graphic mine near Kelly, was a guest in town Monday.

Mayor M. Cooney and Rob't Collins left Thursday morning for a few days' sojourn on their sheep ranges.

Aug. Winkler and family are now cozy at home in their newly fitted rooms in the rear of Winkler's store.

P. A. Marcellino was a visitor in town Sunday from San Antonio where he is conducting a successful term of school.

Ross McMillan and J. B. Squires drove out Thursday to the former's sheep ranch east of San Antonio for a stay of a few days.

If you know an item of local news either about yourself or your friends tell it to the newspaper man. He will not be offended.

Professor and Mrs. O. R. Smith and Miss Pearl Helfrich went out to Water Cañon this morning expecting to return tomorrow.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, who had been in the city several weeks as a guest in the family of Jos. E. Smith, returned Thursday morning to her home in El Paso.

The Socorro tennis club is now organized with Prof. F. C. Lincoln as president. The ground is in good condition, and the netting is expected to arrive at any time.

For sale: One Smith-Premier typewriter, stand and extras; one flat top desk; one cylinder desk; one book case; one iron safe; other office furniture. Apply to J. P. Chase.

The sun is so warm today that some men have been seen on the street in shirt sleeves, though there is plenty of snow in sight on the summits of the Magdalena.

Superintendent Elfego Baca's books show that he has in twelve months turned a little more than \$2,500 into the city school fund from saloon and gaming table licenses.

At the regular convocation of Socorro Chapter No. 8, R. A. M., Tuesday night, Rev. Jos. McConnell and Henry May were advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master.

The receipts at the saloons yesterday and at the Sock Social last night were about \$50 each. And yet there are people who are dreaming over their pipes that Socorro is dead.

Jas. Patterson and Chas. Sherman arrived in the city yesterday on the Magdalena train. They report some snow near Patterson but a much heavier fall on the ranges further south.

Juan José Baca, president of the board of trustees of the School of Mines, was on the grounds of the institution Thursday arranging for the planting of a large number of trees.

Rev. Jos. McConnell went south Thursday after a few days visit in Socorro. Mr. McConnell will return March 1st, when Bishop Kendrick will also be present to conduct services in Epiphany church.

The warm days of this week have set the farmers up and down the valley to plowing. It appears probable that those who have prophesied a late spring because of a mild winter will yet prove to be false prophets.

## A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder

**DR. PRICE'S**  
**CREAM**  
**BAKING**  
**POWDER**  
Awarded  
Highest Honors, World's Fair  
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

Hon. A. A. Freeman gladdened the hearts of his Socorro friends by spending the week in the city. Judge Freeman is always heartily welcomed here and everybody is sorry that his visits are not more frequent and longer.

D. W. Ewing of the firm of Smith & Ewing, stockmen located near Monticello, was in town Saturday on his way home from a visit of six weeks in Denver. Mr. Ewing reported a temperature of 20 degrees below zero in Denver.

J. W. Medley came down on the Magdalena train yesterday on private business. Mr. Medley reports one of the mildest winters of his sojourn of fourteen years in New Mexico and cattle consequently in excellent condition on his ranges.

J. C. Baldrige, the Albuquerque and Socorro lumber dealer, is in town today. Mr. Baldrige says that more building has been done in the last year in Albuquerque than in an equal length of time before for twenty years. He also says that Socorro is showing signs of improvement.

It is whispered that some of Socorro's fair ones have recently been masquerading on the streets after nightfall in male attire. The editor didn't see them, so he can't swear that he knows who they are and he wouldn't tell if he did, but he takes the liberty of advising the girls to don't.

Victor Sais was in the city Sunday from his Casa Colorado ranch to visit his wife and daughter who are spending some time with relatives here. Mr. Sais stated that stock was doing quite well in his vicinity. He recently sold 300 sheep to Albuquerque dealers at three cents a pound.

Rev. Jos. McConnell delivered an entertaining and instructive sermon Sunday from Philipians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Recent achievements in the realms of science and intellect were used as an illustration of what may be claimed by analogy for the spiritual world.

The Cattle and Horse Protective Association of Central New Mexico will hold a meeting at Magdalena next Friday. Matters of importance will be considered. A large attendance is promised. This association is doing excellent work in advancing the interests of the stockmen of this part of the territory.

Judge Freeman attended the Sock Social last night and this morning declared that he didn't know when he had seen a prettier, more tastefully dressed, and more refined and intelligent looking assembly of ladies than he had the pleasure of meeting at the social. The judge thus shows that, as his friends have always had good reason to suspect, he is a good judge in other realms as well as that of law.

There is a good prospect that the effort to organize a military company in Socorro will be successful. It is to be hoped that it will, for a new and desirable feature will thus be added to the social life of the city. Capt. T. J. Matthews is taking an active interest in the matter and his former experience in the same line is serving him well. A public meeting will soon be called to perfect the necessary preliminaries.

A snap. A 7 room house and 3 acres of land two blocks from the court house all set in fruit trees. Apply to J. J. Leeson.